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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/063,227	CASAS-BEJAR ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Roz Maiorino	3763

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 41, 43 and 44 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 44, 41 and 43 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. Claims 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 44,41 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent NO. 6774278 to Ragheb et al.

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Regheb teaches all the claimed subject matter including a catheter having a coating on the tissue contain surface of an elongated body consisting essentially of a non-porous polymer in contact with a steroid anti-inflammatory agent.

2. Claims 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 44,41 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Pub NO. 2003/0036794 to Ragheb et al; Regheb teaches all the claimed subject matter including a catheter having a coating on the tissue contain surface of an elongated body consisting essentially of a non-porous polymer in contact with a steroid anti-inflammatory agent.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-19, 24, 27, 29, 33, 34, 36-39, 44,41, 43 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

4. Applicant's arguments filed 5/5/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant alleges US Pub NO. 2003/0036794 to Ragheb does not meet the prior art date, however US Pub NO. 2003/0036794 to Ragheb is a continuation in part of a patented application 6774278 in which the applicant's claims are covered as a 102(e), hence the limitation in US Pub NO. 2003/0036794 to Ragheb get the filing date of Feb. 20, 1998 which beat the applicants date by 2 months. Since applicants only argument is regarding the date of the prior art and not the substance the examiner will take this lack of argument as an admission than US Pub NO. 2003/0036794 to Ragheb teaches all of the limitation of the applicant's claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roz Maiorino whose telephone number is 571- 272-4960. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nicholas Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4377. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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